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From the publisher

For more than 150 years, Associated Newspapers has brought local news to communities in this area. These publications have won hundreds of both state and national journalism awards during that century and a half of publishing and have weathered some serious challenges.

The past few weeks have presented a serious challenge as our editor who is our only editorial staff member, suffered a serious injury and is unable to produce any copy for our local pages. She will be incapacitated for several weeks.

We hope that explains the few pages online this week as we attempt to make decisions and plans for the future.

It is and has been for many, many years, an honor and a privilege of our publications to be entrusted with the publication of legal notices from several communities in the area. Above all else, we plan to honor that trust and publish the vital legal notices this week, although our news coverage is severely lacking in both our usual quality and quantity.

These serious circumstances will impact our plans for the future, but those plans will include, as they have for more than 150 years, our constant commitment to best serve our readership and our communities.

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Warm Welcome

Sheetz breaks ground for first Michigan location

A large crowd of Romulus officials and residents celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony of a very welcome new neighbor last week.

Sheetz, a major restaurant, convenience chain and gas station officially began construction of the first store location in Michigan located at 33380 Wick Road near the intersection of Wick and Vining Road in the multi-million dollar Northpoint industrial/business complex under construction in Romulus.

"A little over a year ago I stepped in to my new role as Romulus Economic Development Director and within the first week we were told that the retailer that was going in at Wick and Vining had backed out. So we went to work with Northpoint the developers and sought out new candidates. We finally selected Sheetz," Economic Development Director Kevin Krause posted on social media.

He congratulated the new retailer and noted this is the first Sheetz location in Michigan and that the company had donated a total of $30,000 to Michigan Special Olympics, Forgotten Harvest and The Romulus Library.

"These are the types of business we may spend more time finding, but are true community partners and the relationships will pay dividends for years to come," Krause posted.

According to officials, Sheetz plans to open 50-60 stores in Michigan during the next 5-6 years, part of a $500 million investment. The new Romulus location is expected to open late this year, officials said.

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Romulus city officials, Sheetz employees and local residents gathered last week to celebrate the grand opening of the first Sheetz location in Michigan. Sheetz, a major restaurant, convenience chain and gas station officially began construction of the Romulus store to be located on Wick Road in the multi-million dollar Northpoint industrial/business complex in Romulus.

Renovations at Northville Public Library are planned

Spring will bring some changes at the Northville Public Library. A "much-needed renovation" of the Carlo Meeting Room is under way, according to a library spokesman. A partition wall that once allowed the library to divide the room into two separate sections for various events will be removed as it is no longer used, officials explained. "The project will create storage closets for unused tables and chairs and will make it easier to use the room while improving setup time between meetings," the spokesperson added.

Another improvement will see the replacement of the projectors and multimedia equipment with a huge upgrade to the current 13-year-old sound system. Library officials worked with Quinn Evans Architects of Ann Arbor to develop the design of the room and general contractor O'Neal Construction Inc., also of Ann Arbor, is completing the work. While the Carlo Meeting Room is under construction it will not be available for programs, and community groups will not be able to request private bookings. Library officials expect construction to last 6-8 weeks, after which the upgraded audio video technology will be installed and staff will be trained to operate the equipment.

"We know that it will be disruptive to our patrons while construction is going on, but the end result will be worth it. We're excited to reopen the room in a couple of months." said Library Director Laura Mancini."

Northville District Library was built in 1996 and opened to the community on Oct. 6 of that year. Before the current building was constructed, the library was housed in various locations throughout Northville. The library was initially housed in a storefront on Main Street, then moved to the shopping center, then to city hall and then to the community center before the current building was opened.

Settling into the current location enabled exponential growth in the collection, services, and programs, many of which are regularly held in the Carlo Meeting Room, a room that has seen its fair share of change over the years, Mancini said. Named in honor and memory of Northville resident John J. Carlo, a proud supporter of the library and original owner of the Northville Downs, this meeting room has encouraged and supported many a library patron's quest for knowledge, she added.

"Thanks to the generosity of the Carlo family, the Carlo Room was outfitted with the equipment and furniture of the times; it originally offered a slide projector, a large-screen television, VCR, and an overhead projector for staff and guests to utilize," Mancini explained.

For more information, visit Northville District Library website at: www.northvillelibrary.org, email nortref@northvillelibrary.org, or call (248)-349-3020. The library is also available on social media: Facebook, X, Instagram, TikTok, YouTube, Flickr, and Spotify

Lt. Joseph Balowski

Sumpter Township officer promoted to lieutenant

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees officially congratulated Joseph Balowski on his promotion to police lieutenant during a recent regular meeting.

Balowski began his career with the Sumpter Township Police Department in 2013 and was promoted to sergeant in 2019. He is a department instructor in firearms and use of force and has supervised the field training program since 2021, noted township Chief of Police/Public Safety Director Eric Luke.

Balowski was the eighth township police officer to graduate from the Police Staff and Command Executive Leadership Program through the Eastern Michigan University Center for Regional and National Security. He successfully completed the program in 2021.

Balowski has been assigned to the detective bureau since February 2023, Luke told the board members, "a critical position in which he will remain."

Board members unanimously congratulated Balowski on his promotion.

Romulus

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Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight welcomed the new business and expressed his hope for other retailers to follow in the city.

"Economic development is a marathon, not a race. You have to start slow in order to go fast, right? The Sheetz corporation seeing and sharing our vision is a great start for us. However, we still have a long way to go before we are where we need to be," McCraight posted on social media.

"Michigan is the first new state for Sheetz in two decades and we cannot wait for people to experience this first store, and everything our company has to offer," said Travis Sheetz, president and CEO of Sheetz. "We look forward to creating great jobs for Detroit-area residents, providing total customer focus for our community members, and being a good neighbor that is actively involved in every neighborhood our stores will serve."

"You're going to see things like drive-thrus with indoor seating and outdoor seating, lots of parking, mobile ordering and delivering, pretty heavy on the food side of things," Sheetz said.

Residents, officials and beneficiaries of the civic donations welcomed the new location and expressed their gratitude for the financial contributions noting the immediate benefits for the community.

"It means the world to us," said Tim Hileman, president of Michigan Special Olympics. "As they shared today, we received a $10,000 check that will go right to our local programs. So that fund will go to equipment, uniforms, support for increasing our athletes and presence."

Each store location will employ approximately 30 individuals, the majority of which are planned to be full-time. Consistently named by Fortune as a 100 Best Company to Work For, Sheetz offers competitive pay and benefits packages to all employees, including medical and dental insurance, 12 weeks of fully paid maternity leave, a 401(k) retirement plan, college tuition reimbursement, an employee stock ownership plan, flexible schedules, opportunities for advancement, quarterly bonuses, vacation time and more. Sheetz was also ranked third in the latest Best Workplaces in Retail list by Fortune, trailing only Wegmans Food Markets and Target for the second straight year.

The Pennsylvania-based company was established in 1952 and currently operates more than 700 stores across the country.

Order in the court!

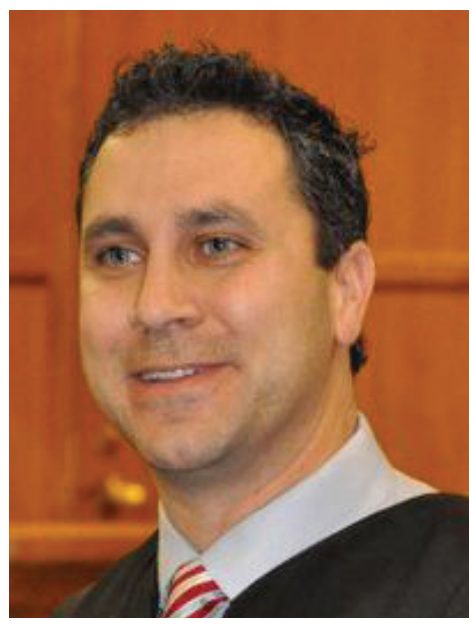
The Honorable Judges James Plakas and Ronald Lowe will present respective views on the future staffing needs of the 35th District Court.

On Friday, this week, at the reoccurring Plymouth Noon Rotary Club the members will hear Plakas and Lowe address issues yet to be decided.

The 100-year Plymouth Club meets each week at the Plymouth Cultural Center on Farmer.

Located on Plymouth Road just east of downtown Plymouth. The 35th District Court House serves the communities and citizens of the communities of the City of Plymouth, Plymouth Township, the City of Northville, Northville Township and the Incorporated Township of Canton.

Honorable Ronald Lowe



Honorable James Plakas

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 4 2024 for the following:

CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION APRIL 2024

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Request for Applications and Public Notice of Availability of Funds

The Charter Township of Canton announces the availability of approximately $370,000 in CDBG funds for housing and community development activities beginning July 1, 2024. CDBG program income or reprogrammed CDBG funds may also be available under this announcement. Canton will accept sealed applications at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 2024 for the following:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

Applications may be picked up at the Finance & Budget Department or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All applications must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the application name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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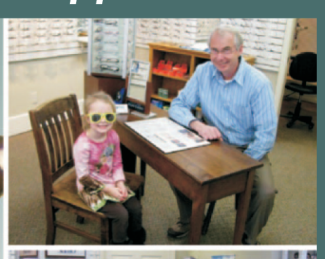

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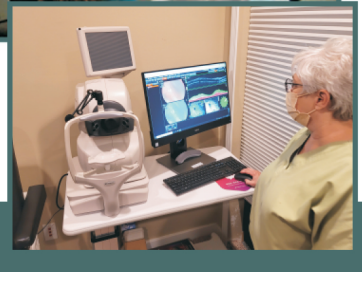

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